

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Idaho Constitution, Article III, Section 2, requires that the legislature shall enact laws providing for the implementation of the provisions of this section, including terms of commission members, the method of filling vacancies on the commission, additional qualifications for commissioners, and additional standards to govern the commission. This legislation focuses on the redistricting process to protect and preserve communities of interest in the following ways: 1. Counties shall not be divided whenever possible; 2. Counties or portions of a county in a district shall be directly connected by roads and highways to establish communities of interest; 3. District boundaries and local voting precincts shall remain intact as much as possible.

FISCAL NOTE

No additional general fund resources will be required as a result of these proposed changes to complete the redistricting efforts.

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